

## HORROR OF EARTH- QUAKE GROWS—THOU- SAND HAVE PERISHED

**Additional Calamity Befalls  
Old Mexico—Many Dead  
As Quake Visits Grief  
Stricken Country.**

Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 7.—Hundreds, possibly thousands, of lives were lost as a result of the earthquake which shook the state of Vera Cruz Saturday night. So wide-spread was the damage done by the shock and so wild are some of the sections that suffered from it that it is probable the number of casualties will never be known. Only two houses are left standing in the village of Coutzlan, state of Vera Cruz, where no estimate has yet been placed on the number of dead and injured resulting from Saturday night's earthquake, according to reports received here today.

Eleven bodies have been recovered from the river at San Francisco de la Pena, Vera Cruz, in addition to twenty-four at Racondia.

Twelve soldiers were among the buried under the ruins of the church at Coscomatepec, shaken down by the earth disturbances.

Reports from Jalapa, Vera Cruz, say that the damage at Coatepec and Teocelo, to the southwest of Jalapa, is exceedingly serious, although there are no estimates of the dead and injured. At Jalapa, two persons were killed and twenty injured.

## New Soviet Ark Will Set Sail Soon

Washington, Jan. 4.—In a sweeping drive against radicalism, agents of the department of justice were completing today nation-wide raids against communist organizations in which several thousand radicals were taken in custody with the view to deportation.

Raids were ordered in 33 cities over the United States and promptly at the hour of nine last night the operators moved with clock-like precision in the round-up of communist workers and sympathizers. Today the number of arrests had risen to the highest figure of any similar raid in the history of the country.

The government hopes to fill another "soviet ark" and send it floating across the Atlantic to Bolshevik Russia shortly.

## To Inspect Water Supply

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 7.—Harold F. Gray, chief of the division of sanitary engineering and sanitation of the state health department, has left for an inspection of the water supply of a number of towns. His tour will include the counties of Dona Ana, Otero, Lincoln, Socorro, Bernalillo, Valencia, Sierra, Torrance, Chaves, Eddy and Lea.

## Four Loans Totalling \$17,000,000 to Exporters

Washington, Jan. 5.—The first move of the American government to aid financially in the reconstruction of Europe came today when the war financial corporation announced it had practically consummated four loans aggregating \$17,000,000 to manufacturing exporters.

Two loans, each of \$5,000,000, have been arranged to finance the exportation of locomotives and agricultural machinery. The locomotives will go to Poland and the agricultural machinery to England, France and Belgium.

A third loan for \$5,000,000, negotiations of which were said to have passed to the final stage will go to an electrical machinery corporation and will be used for the rehabilitation of stricken sections of Belgium and France, where all electrical machinery was destroyed by the Germans.

An advance of \$2,000,000 also is included in the total of \$17,000,000 to go to several banks which will furnish funds for the exportation of machinery to reconstruct steel mills in France.

## Naughty Judge Says Gotham Isn't Hickville

New York, Jan. 7.—Smoking of cigarettes by women was judicially decreed today as not immoral. The decision was made by Supreme Court Justice Mullin in a separation suit in which counsel for the husband tried to show that cigarettes had been found in the wife's dresser drawer and that this constituted evidence of "bad character."

"It is not immoral for women to smoke cigarettes," declared the judge. "Some of the best women in the country and in the world smoke cigarettes. It would not make any difference if she had a thousand packages of cigarettes there. This isn't Hickville."

## Chicago Labor Denounces Raid

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Chicago Federation of Labor today adopted two resolutions of protest against the federal raids against radicals on January 2. One declared the executive board suspected "these raids are a part of the gigantic plot to destroy organized labor by the employers" and that among those arrested were officials of a local cigar makers' union and that the latter's records had been seized. The second resolution declared the federal agents' acts were "repressions resembling czaristic methods in Russia."

## Joyful Birthday Affair

A crowd of little folks had a most enjoyable time Saturday afternoon, Jan. 3rd, at the home of little Georgia Saunders, in honor of her seventh birthday. There were sixteen little ones present, who passed the time in a pleasant manner with childish amusement, after which refreshments were served.

## Tucumcari Oil News

(Tucumcari American.)

The McGee interests at San Jon have spudded in the well and have made over one hundred feet as we go to press. This well is located in Section Fourteen, Township Eleven, North of Range Thirty-Four East, about six miles north of San Jon. San Jon is thirty miles east of Tucumcari on the Tucumcari-Memphis Railway. This is considered a very favorable structure and lands are holding a good level of prices for a wildcat territory.

Several years ago E. H. Fullwood drilled a water well where the Doodle Bug company is now drilling, and at a depth of around three hundred feet, Mr. Fullwood struck what he called oil. The water well he was drilling was ruined by this oil and the well abandoned. He was drilling the well for a ranch company and they didn't pay any attention to the oil, their verdict was that it had ruined the well for stock water and it was abandoned. It is the intention of the Doodle Bug company to clean out this well and test the oil or whatever Mr. Fullwood considered oil and see what it is. If they find it to be oil they will put on a standard rig and develop the well.

The McGee will resume again as soon as the line arrives and they have men and material sufficient to operate the San Jon test and they are soon to commence in Guadalupe county in the Newkirk and Cuervo district. Should the weather be favorable they hope to be at work again here by the middle of the month.

## Lodges Install

On Friday night last, the I. O. O. F. installed the newly elected officers as published in the Outlook last week, winding up a well attended meeting with a social session at which refreshments were served. On Monday night the Knights of Pythias installed with the usual social features following the regular meeting. On Wednesday night the Order of Eastern Star held its first regular meeting in the New Year, installing the official roster for 1920. In spite of the terrific storm which prevailed, the Stars turned out in good numbers. Refreshments as usual were served after the installation ceremonies. The Carrizozo lodges in general are in a thriving condition.

## A New Year Message

If thou wouldst have thy life complete,  
In all that gives sweet peaceful sleep,  
Cast down thy cares at His dear feet;  
Nor stop to question, pine or weep  
O'er earthly hopes ye cannot meet,  
Because His ways are hidden deep.

If thou wouldst have thy age secure,  
In blessings growing year by year,  
Keep far aloof from aught impure,  
That sad regret may bring no tear;  
And holiest trust thy thoughts assure,  
As "self" fades out when God draws near.

—Mrs. George L. Ulrick.

## Republicans Work on Party Issues

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Republicans from 14 middle states continued today their work of molding party issues and laying plans for the participation of republican women in the 1920 presidential campaign.

Demands for equal representation on the national committee of the party and a sentiment, reflected in speeches of prominent party leaders to deal vigorously with the labor and industrial situation as one of the chief issues of the election campaign were the principal developments of the conference which began yesterday.

Plans for the national convention next June also were launched and Edward P. Thayer, of Indianapolis, was elected sergeant at arms for the gathering.

## Poison Weed Kills Cattle in Arizona

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 6.—Cattlemen of Cochise county are complaining of heavy losses in their herds, due to the cows eating a poison weed which resembles considerably the rattlesnake, or peavine. J. N. Hunsaker, whose range is in Leslie canyon, complained yesterday of such loss and for that reason has moved his herd from the upper canyon in the forest reserve, where the poisonous plant seems to grow profusely.

He found several cattle which had died, while others, which probably had not eaten such great quantities of the weed, showed the effect by staggering as they walked.

## Use Arsenic for Baking Powder

Santa Fe, Jan. 5.—The health authorities have been notified that two Roswell girls, Muriel and Winifred Bonham, were poisoned although not fatally, by eating biscuits in which they had used arsenic instead of baking powder. The arsenic had been put into a baking powder can, and the girls by mistake placed it in the dough for the biscuits.

## Confer About Highway

Santa Fe, Jan. 5.—Judge Adrian Poe, President James G. McNary of the First National bank of El Paso, K. M. Roberts, Senator Beard of El Paso and Oliver Lee of Alamogordo, conferred with Governor O. A. Larrazolo Saturday and Sunday on the Alamogordo-El Paso highway via Newman, which is a rival of the federal aid project from Alamogordo to El Paso via the White Sands and Las Cruces. The visitors declare that the interview was a very satisfactory one.

## Indian Land Drainage

Albuquerque, Jan. 7.—A bill for the appropriation of \$5,500 for the drainage of Indian lands in the Rio Grande valley has been prepared and is before the house for action, according to information received by H. F. Robinson, of the Indian irrigation service. The region to be drained will include Isleta, Sandia, Santa Ana and San Felipe and is geographically a part of the valley land the drainage of which is contemplated.

## 20,000 REDS ORGANIZED TO OVERTHROW U. S.

**Evidence Revealed at Inquiry by New York Legislators of Bold Intentions of Reds.**

Washington, Jan. 6.—Congress was asked today by the labor department for a special fund of \$1,000,000 for the enforcement of laws against radicals and \$150,000 for their deportation. More than 20,000 alien enemies in the communist party of New York state alone are openly organized for violent overthrow of the government under the direction of Bolshevik leaders in Russia, Senator Clayton R. Lusk, chairman of the legislative committee investigating seditious activities, declared today. In addition there are the communist labor party and "other revolutionary" organizations working actively to accomplish the same ends as well as many other bodies which encourage their activities without participating openly in them, the senator said.

## Praetorians Advance

Messrs. George R. Ray, General Deputy and Organizer, and D. D. Wemberly, Special Organizer for the order of Praetorians have been working here for the past week soliciting membership for the order and have met with much success. At the regular meeting Tuesday night twenty new applications were acted on, balloted for and duly initiated in both the Praetorian and Queen's degrees.

After the degrees were exemplified, refreshments were served and a general social session followed. The membership in Carrizozo now numbers near the mark of 60 and is constantly growing. The order is operating in 24 different states, having a membership in our own state of over 3,000. As a showing of what good hustling for a good order will do, the working forces of this district won the contest just closed wherein the efforts of the field forces of the Western Division were engaged in contest for increases. The meeting Tuesday night besides being well attended was highly enthusiastic. Regular meetings will take place on Tuesday following the first Thursday of each month.

## Commissioners Meet

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met Monday in the first regular session for 1920; finding a heavy budget of business confronting them which will consume the major portion of the week to dispose of. Therefore, the proceedings of that body will appear in our next issue, together with the financial statement for the year of 1919.